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THREE MEN SHOT ON C. & O. TRAIN

ONE DEAD AND THE OTHERS ARE
EXPECTED TO DIE.

On last Tuesday morning Will Hopkins instantly killed Will Blackburn and probably fatally wounded his brother, Henderson Blackburn, on a train near Pikeville. Hopkins was shot through the left lung by one of the Blackburns and was taken to a hospital in Ashland. His condition is very critical.

A brother of the Blackburns recently shot and wounded Buddy Hopkins, brother of Will. The Blackburns and Hopkins brothers, three each, were on their way to Pikeville for the examining trial when the fatal shooting took place.

Hopkins is prohibition enforcement officer. He and his brother and one of the Blackburns were in a car ahead of Will and Henderson Blackburn. Will Hopkins was passing through the rear car when the two Blackburns began to curse him and call him names. It is said Hopkins passed on to the rear of the car, warning the Blackburns to remain in their seat. They arose, it is said, and the shooting started. Hopkins fell on the long seat at the end of the car when a bullet hit him, and it seems that he did most of his firing from that position. Henderson received three wounds. The men are all comparatively young. Hopkins is about 25.

Two Wayne County Men Killed in Coal Mine

Eighteen children were made orphans Monday morning when Hooker Lloyd and Cecil Ball were both crushed to death in a mine shaft-fall on Deep Hole creek, near Coleman, Wayne county.

Ball is survived by a wife and seven children, while Lloyd leaves a wife and eleven children.—Wayne News.

TAYLOR MUNCEY INDICTED FOR KILLING ERVIN ELKINS

Williamson, W. Va., Dec. 8.—Four indictments charging murder in the first degree were returned today by a special grand jury called to investigate disturbances growing out of the industrial trouble which has resulted in twenty-three deaths and probably \$10,000,000 property loss since last May.

Those indicted were Taylor Cole, Taylor Muncey, "Dutch" Frost, and Samuel Varney.

JOHN MAYO ROBBED.
John C. Mayo was held up by a foot pad in Ashland last Friday night just as he was about to enter his home. He had only about \$4.50 in his pockets and the robber took that. John requested the robber to give back an empty purse or pocket book and the fellow complied with the request.

A SWEEPING INJUNCTION.

A Massachusetts court has just made one of the most sweeping orders in restraint of organized labor to be found in the annals of industrial litigation in this country. Two unions of the United Shoe Workers and the Allied Shoe Workers' Union of Greater Boston are not only forbidden to picket the factory against which a strike had been declared, but the unions are restrained from paying strike benefits to their members and from intimidating or even trying to persuade workers or call them unfair, and they are specifically restrained from advocating the closed shop and from seeking to divert trade. There is hardly anything open to organized labor in the way of prosecuting a dispute that is not forbidden in this drastic order.

It is to be noted, however, that the controversy out of which this particular litigation grew was waged over an attempt to force a closed shop upon the manufacturer, and on this issue popular sympathy outside of the labor unions will clearly be on the side of the manufacturer. So far as known, there was no question of wages or working conditions involved, the unions undertaking to impose upon the shoe manufacturer the obligation to employ only union labor, under penalty of having his factory picketed, his employees harassed and his customers threatened with boycott if they continued to trade with him. This is a very different proposition from the contention usually made by the unions, that they are fighting solely for a living wage and wholesome conditions of labor. In the Massachusetts case there was apparently a mere assertion of a right and purpose to deny employment to non-union workers and to coerce the employer to adopt the closed shop, whether it was in the best interest of the employer or employed or not. If this be an accurate statement of the case, the court order was none too drastic.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

MOVING TO ASHLAND.

H. L. Ross of Flat Gap, Johnson-co., has purchased a handsome home in Ashland and is locating there with his family.

MARRIAGE OF MISS BLANCH WILSON TO MR. ENNIS

Miss Blanche Wilson, of Louisa, and Mr. Plummer Ennis were united in marriage last Monday morning at nine o'clock. The wedding took place at the home of Mrs. Flen McHenry on Lock Avenue. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. F. Reynolds in the presence of a few friends and relatives of the bride.

The bride is the only daughter of Zeke Wilson. She has lived in Louisa most of her life where she is popular among her friends. She is well fitted to preside over her home.

Mr. Ennis who is an engineer is an industrious and promising young man. He met the young lady who is now his bride while she was visiting her relatives, Jerry Endicott's family, when they lived in Wheeling.

The couple left over the C. & O. at ten o'clock for a wedding trip and later will be at home in Wheeling where a furnished home awaits them. Louisa friends extend congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness.

MAN KILLED AT BREEDEN, W. VA.

John B. Marcum was shot and killed at Breeden, Mingo-co., Monday morning. Marcum was killed in a melee with State police when a gang of robbers attempted to make away with a quantity of coal from a passing freight train.

Marcum was under bond for \$5,000 on a charge of shooting Meredith C. Burchett at Breeden on Nov. 3. The bullet that hit Burchett was fired from train No. 28. A week later Marcum was arrested by state police and taken to Williamson. After being held a few days, he was admitted to bail.

Marcum was 24 years old and a son of Henry Marcum. He is survived by his parents, one brother, his wife and one child.

A YOUNG MAN KILLED BY GAS

Barney, son of Brunk Vanhorn, of Zelida, this county, was killed near Portsmouth Wednesday morning while at work on a scaffold.

We could not learn the particulars of the accident, but it seems that Vanhorn was overcome by gas or fumes. It is reported that another man working with him died at the same time.

Barney was about 25 years old and was married only two months ago to a daughter of O. B. Stump, formerly of Zelida. The death of this young man has brought deep sorrow to the neighborhood in which he lived. He was industrious and gave promise of a useful life. His parents are good people, and to them and the young wife especially there goes out the sincerest sympathy. The body was brought to Zelida for burial.

Appellate Court Passes on Gas Service

Frankfort, Ky.—Public service corporations, possessed of franchises which do not specify the minimum amount of service they are required to render their customers, do not escape liability to be held for damages to any of their customers by reason of their carelessness, the Court of Appeals said in an opinion by Chief Justice John D. Carroll, reversing the Montgomery Circuit Court in the case of A. J. Humphreys against the Central Kentucky Natural Gas Company.

Humphreys, a florist at Mount Sterling, sued the company for \$710 damages because it had not furnished sufficient supply of gas to prevent his flowers freezing in the winter of 1917. He was thrown out of court on demurrer, as the company's franchise did not require it to maintain any specified quantity of pressure.

The Court of Appeals, however, said the question should have gone to the jury and remanded the case for that purpose, upholding at the same time the right of any citizen to maintain such action in his own name.

WALBRIDGE AND HOLT

Miss Gaynelle Newman, who has been seriously ill for several weeks at the home of G. G. Peters was removed to a Huntington hospital Friday last, and her condition is so much improved that relatives and friends are now hopeful of her recovery. Miss Newman returned Tuesday from Huntington. Mr. and Mrs. Dan L. Lynch left Tuesday for Princeton, W. Va., where they will reside. Mr. Lynch resigned his position with the Gas Co. here. He will resume work with the N. & W. R. R. as engineer. They are nice people and their friends regret their moving away. Miss Pearl Akers of Roanoke, Va., came Saturday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. D. L. Lynch. She accompanied them to their new home. Irene, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boothe, who has been quite ill for several days is some better. Miss Irene Wells returned Saturday from Charleston, after a visit with Mrs. E. J. Ellison. Miss Rose Frazier and brother, John, of Gallup were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Weisbe Peters. Misses Ve and Virginia Asche of R. L. were guests Sunday of Miss Opal Hardwick. Recently one of our correspondents spoke about an airplane passing over their community and stated some of the citizens thought Gabriel was sounding his trumpet. Some of our citizens thought they heard the trumpet sounding when they settled this years taxes, but were revived and the taxes were paid.

OIL COMPANIES QUIT DRILLING

The Ohio Fuel Oil Company is suspending drilling operations for the winter in the Lawrence county field. Also, it is reported that some of the other companies operating in this field will do the same thing.

Wells already in process of drilling, or just ready to start will be completed.

The Union Gas & Oil Company is not included in this movement. The Carter Oil Company and the Fisher Oil Company are named as amongst those who will close down.

The reason for this action is not entirely clear, but it is reported that the high cost of labor and the poor service being rendered by many of the men employed is the chief cause. Almost all employers have been complaining that the higher wages have gone the less work the most of the men do. This condition, they say, forces them to suspend until better results can be had through more efficient service. It means that men who have not done honest work will be without jobs when operations are resumed, according to the opinion of men in position to know.

The suspension will be very unwelcome to land owners and citizens generally.

Another Pike County Sheriff Shot on Tug

Williamson, W. Va., Dec. 8.—"Ed" Whitt, a Pike-co., Kentucky, Deputy Sheriff, was shot and seriously wounded in the coal strike district across Tug river from Williamson last night. Henry Seizemore, an employee of the Black Diamond Coal company, was being sought by the authorities in connection with the shooting.

Whitt is the third Kentucky Deputy Sheriff shot within a week. According to the stories reaching Williamson, Seizemore was discharged from his job as leader in the Black Diamond mine yesterday and later attempted to shoot up the camp. Whitt was sent after him, and in the encounter was shot, but not, it was stated, before Seizemore also had been wounded.

Democrats To Be in Power in Mingo County

Beginning December 1st Democrats will hold all of the county offices in Mingo, County Clerk Elihu Boggs having emulated the example of Circuit Clerk Guy White by resigning to take effect November 30th, one month before the expiration of his six year term. Through the resignation of Judge Damron, effective November 1, Hon. R. D. Bailey became judge of the circuit court.

The Democrats are thus fully restored to power in the county after a lapse of about twenty years. In the entire county the Republicans have only a few members of the boards of education, constables and justices of the peace.

Mr. Boggs will be succeeded by Riley Varney, county clerk-elect. While it has not been officially given out it is understood from an authoritative source that Jailer J. P. Webb is slated for a place in the clerk's office with Mr. Varney. It was first reported that Mr. Webb, who has been chief office deputy as well as jailer for sheriff Blankenship, would enter private business.—Mingo Republican.

FLOYD COUNTY MAKES BID FOR MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

Lexington, Ky.—Various sections of Eastern Kentucky appealed for the school to be established in the mountains by the Daughters of the American Revolution at the meeting of the State Committee held at the Phoenix Hotel last week.

W. R. Jilison, State Geologist, head of Floyd county citizens. In addition to the pleas for the school made by the delegation telegrams from prominent Floyd county citizens, officials and school authorities were received by the chairman during the session of the Committee.

Among the offers was one of 100 acres of the best agricultural land in Lee county with promise of the support of the officials and citizens, and another of fifty acres and \$1,000 to start the school.

Speeches were made by Superintendent Caudill of Floyd county, Dr. J. W. Hubbell of Lincoln Memorial University, Cumberland Gap, and Mrs. Ligon of Prestonsburg. Mr. Caudill assured the committee that wealthy coal operators, as well as all citizens of Floyd county, would give the school financial as well as moral support and that there need be no worry about getting land for the project. Mrs. Ligon told of the need of a school in order that children of the county may not be deprived of an education. Mrs. Wells said that she, like many others in Floyd county, was considering the sacrifice of business and home interests that she might take her children elsewhere to attend school.

Mr. C. D. Chensault of Lexington, chairman of the State committee, read letters containing offers from various parts of the mountains.

FOREIGN MUSIC TEACHER STARTS TROUBLE IN ASHLAND

Prof. S. A. Waas, age 70, a music teacher, is charged with starting a small run on a bank in Ashland Tuesday by reporting it to be about to fail. When informed that he would be prosecuted under the law making this a penal offense he attempted suicide. The pistol ball fired by his own hand put out both of his eyes and cut the bridge of his nose in two. His condition is critical. The bank was shown to be absolutely sound and ready to pay all demands. Most of the frightened depositors returned their money when they learned the facts. The Day and Night Bank was the victim of the false rumor.

LOCAL OIL NEWS.

A good well was recently drilled on Mrs. Lida Lackey's farm on Two Mile. T. F. Maloney owns the lease. This is the third well. Mr. Maloney has contracted with Tom Hays to drill a well on the Vaughan farm on Lick creek.

The Union company's well No. 6 on the J. J. Gambill farm has started off making 30 barrels each day of 12 hours. No. 2 on James H. Skaggs is also a big well, about the same as the No. 1.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Dewey Sherman Chaffin of Fallsburg, 22, to Nellie Moore, 18, of Huston.

Wm. L. Davis, 46, of Cherry Grove, Oregon, to Lida Watson, 49, of Louisa.

Wm. Howens, 22, to Effie Stevens, 21, of Felix, W. Va.

Sank Hall, 24, of Effort, Ohio, to Mary F. Adams, 21, of Irad.

Charley Bays, 25, Louisa, Ky., and Miss Martha Sizemore, 24, Ashland, Ky., were married in Catlettsburg last Thursday.

MR. LAFE KINNER DIES SUDDENLY

Lafayette Kinner, age 81, was found dead in bed at his home at the mouth of Blaine, this county, Wednesday morning. He had been suffering from a "leaky" heart.

Mr. Kinner was a well known citizen and a good man. He was born and reared at Buchanan and after his marriage to Miss Elizabeth Burney he located on the farm at the mouth of Blaine and remained there throughout his long life. His wife died many years ago. The surviving members of the family are Mrs. Carrie McCloskey, the only daughter, and five sons—Elwood, Coon, Burg, Fred and John. All the sons live at Greenup except Fred, who resides on the home farm.

Mr. Kinner was a genial, kind hearted man, popular with all who knew him.

The burial will take place Friday.

COMPTON

Church at Polly's Chapel was largely attended Sunday. There will be services all week. Minnie B. Pennington was calling on Beulah Collinsworth Wednesday. Birdie Carter was in Fallsburg Saturday. Bertha Kitchen was calling on her grand parents at this place Saturday. Austin Webb and Luther Webb have returned from West Virginia. Mary F. and Minnie B. Pennington were calling on their sister on Morgan Creek Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Goins and little son were visiting their daughter at this place Friday. There will be a Christmas tree at this place December 24. We are expecting a fine time. Everybody come and enjoy it with us. Mecca Pennington and little nephew Beryl were visitors at our school Tuesday.

MEADS BRANCH

Church here Sunday by Rev. Allen Castle. Rev. A. H. Miller and W. T. Cain of Louisa have just returned from Flemingsburg and Mayfield where they have been on legal business. Bill Hinkle, Charley's son, is recovering from a very severe case of pneumonia. Rev. A. H. Miller has bought the Lucinda Johnson farm on the head of Meads Branch and will move to it the first of the year. Hent King has moved to Torchlight. James Miller has returned to his work on Beaver Creek. Alex Triplett purchased a fine cow from A. H. Miller. Irvin Wagner still goes to the left fork of Meads Branch. L. W. Wells and Jim Moore had a fine fox chase Thanksgiving. Their hounds put one in a hole and they dug it out. A. H. Miller is expecting his son Charley and his family and their son Noah who live in Columbus, Ohio, to come home for Christmas.

MATTIE

W. H. C. Moore and family have moved from this place to Leadoke to the house vacated by Dr. J. O. Moore. Roy Hays of Wilbur passed down our creek Friday en route to Louisa. J. D. Ball was in Louisa Monday. Estill Hays was at B. F. Moore's Saturday. Mrs. Jay Moore and Stella Moore were shopping at Cordell Wednesday. Henry Terry of Blaine was here last week. Golda Childers left Saturday for Heller where she will spend Christmas. Jettie Hayes and Stella Moore spent Friday night with Mrs. Ra Hays. Mrs. J. D. Ball spent Wednesday last with Mrs. W. A. Hays of Adams. Mr. and Mrs. Jay Moore were visiting friends at Blaine Saturday and Sunday. MRS. GRUNDY.

NEW POSTMASTER NAMED FOR LOUISA

Mr. G. B. Carter has received the appointment of postmaster at Louisa. The transfer will take place on the 15th of this month.

It will be remembered that Postmaster Robert Dixon resigned last spring. A civil service examination was ordered and Mr. Carter was the only applicant. He passed a good examination. The commission was received last Thursday and Mr. Carter has given bond. He has been serving as deputy postmaster most of the time since he took the examination and will therefore enter upon the duties with a thorough knowledge of the requirements of this exacting position. The work of the Louisa postoffice has grown to be very heavy.

FALLSBURG

Mrs. Jas. K. Rise, who has been visiting her daughter at Ivel, has returned home. Golda Miller who has been with her sister, Mrs. Garland Webb has gone to her home at Buchanan. Mrs. Leola Cooksey was visiting Mrs. Ann Cooksey one day last week.

The wedding bells were ringing in our town last night. Drue Ekers brought his bride, Miss Mamie Skeens, home Sunday. Mrs. Crank has returned after a long visit with her sons in Normal and Ohio. Blumer Henson is hauling goods from Fullers for J. D. Damron. Dr. Hall was called to our town one day last week to see Mrs. W. D. Jordan who was very sick. There will be church here the second Sunday by Brother Kincaid. Lindsey Collinsworth and wife and daughter were visiting here Sunday. CRICKET.

ROCKY VALLEY

Luther Copley left Sunday for Huntington, W. Va. Robert Cartmel of Louisa was a business caller here Monday. Rush Copley and son Cecil were calling on relatives at Three Mile Sunday. Lace Vinson of Port Gay passed up our creek Monday. Miss May Murphy returned home Sunday from Kenova, W. Va. Jake Workman was in Louisa last week. Sairden Workman who has been employed at Charleston, W. Va., is visiting his parents here. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson of Rawl, W. Va., were calling on relatives here last week. Ishmael Harris and Luther Copley spent last Friday night in Louisa. Cecil Copley was at Louisa Saturday having dental work done.

NODDY'S DARLING.

CATALPA

The people in this community were very sorry to hear of the death of Samuel Shepherd of Portsmouth, Ohio, formerly of Hubbardstown, W. Va. He was sick only a few weeks. He left testimony of a bright hope for a better world. He was a merchant of that place having purchased a large store just a short time before he became ill. He was a good man and a good citizen and will be missed by his many friends. He leaves to mourn his loss a dear wife and seven children, four girls and three boys. Much sympathy is felt for the entire family.

Geo. Potter of Lewis county, has returned home after a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Potter. William Rice and son Elbert of Sciotoville, Ohio, visited relatives at this place recently. Mrs. Julia Meade of Hubbardstown, was visiting her daughters, Mrs. Carrie and Ethel Potter recently. Martin Potter has returned home after a few days visit with relatives in Lewis and Greenup counties. Samuel Meade of Hubbardstown went to Portsmouth, Ohio to see his daughter, Mrs. Samuel Shepherd who has been very low with fever. We are glad to say she is improving. Miss Emma Layne was in Louisa Saturday. Paul H. Potter was calling on Leslie Layne Sunday. Mrs. Julia Meade has been visiting relatives at Williamson, W. Va. and Van Lear. Mrs. Annie Rice of Sciotoville, Ohio, is expected to visit relatives here soon. We were sorry to hear of the death of Harlan Dean of Zelida. He was a good boy and loved by all who knew him. His father died several years ago and one sister preceded him to the great beyond a few years ago. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved. Misses Carrie and Bertha Curran attended Sunday school at Horseford. The school had been closed for the past few weeks on account of the teacher, Mr. Add Skeens being sick. Miss Emma Layne was the Saturday night guest of Miss Charline Moore. George Potter and family will move to this place from Lewis county soon.

BROWN EYES.

On Nov. 27, 1920, the death angel visited the home of George Jordan and family and took their darling baby Landon. It had been a patient little sufferer for almost a month with diphtheria first and then double pneumonia. He was about three years old and there never was a sweeter and brighter child. He was the light of their home but alas, God needed another angel in his kingdom and took little Landon to live with him. Parents, sisters and brother we know the loneliness and heartaches you now endure, but remember your darling is a shining Jewel in Heaven and is watching and waiting your coming. So give your hearts to Jesus now and meet him in Heaven where you'll never have to part again and where all tears shall be wiped from our eyes. He was laid to rest Sunday in the family cemetery.

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MRS. ELLEN BRANHAM DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Mrs. Ellen Branham died Thursday night of last week at her home a few miles from Louisa. Her health had not been very good for the past two years, but she was able to be around in the home up to a few minutes before her death. She was seized with a fit of coughing and death followed in a short time.

Mrs. Branham was the widow of Doi Branham, who died several years ago. He was the brother of Thos. J. Branham, of this place. She was the daughter of Billy Bowe, a resident of Louisa many years. Lat J. Bowe of Kenova, in her brother and J. F. Ratliff of Huntington, W. Va., a half brother.

Mrs. Branham was 68 years of age. She is survived by five sons and one daughter, Thos. B. Branham, Sam, Jno. Lacey, Edward and Mrs. Inez Ratcliff, wife of Dan Ratcliff.

She had long been a faithful member of the Christian church. Funeral services were held at the home at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Ballard Branham, burial following in the family burying ground.

WILL RAISE FUNDS TO PROSECUTE CASE

Maysville, Ky., Dec. 6.—A meeting has been called at the Council Chamber here for tomorrow night to raise funds to defray the expenses and court costs in the endeavors now being put forth to apprehend the murderer of Miss Laura Parsons, the Pine Mountain school teacher who was murdered some time ago. She was a resident of this city before going to the mountain school and a big sum will be raised at this meeting.

The Lawrence County Farm Bureau News

The Lawrence County Farm Bureau met at its office in regular meeting Saturday, December 4. Plans were discussed for increasing our membership for 1921. A buying committee was appointed and an order was placed by several farmers for several tons of feed and cotton seed at a saving of 25 cents per bag or \$17 per ton. And other members who want to buy feeds are urged to place their order at once with the Bureau or thru your County Agent.

Let the man who haggles over giving up his membership dues in the Farm Bureau ponder for a moment what Farm Bureau members have saved in the last few months. Kenton County Farm Bureau not the largest in the State by any means reports a saving of \$1500.00 on an order of feeds recently placed, and the same action caused the price of feed to go down among dealers. Carroll county reports a business of \$13,699.00 with a saving to its members of \$3,259.00. Mason county reports a business of \$40,000.00 with a saving of \$4500.00 to its members and this with twenty-one hundred dollars in dues paid in. They purchased over 300 tons of fertilizer, \$5200 worth of clover seed, \$3000 worth of hay and many other items. Allen county bureau just 6 months old did a business of over \$6500 with a saving to its members of over \$1400.00. They have bought a \$15,000 brick house deed to the Farm Bureau. Numerous other items could be cited but these should show the Farm Bureau is functioning.

The question comes up now and then what is the matter with our Bureau, why we can't do the same things. We are, only the biggest trouble we have is our small membership, too many of our farmers are waiting to see what it will do. It can't do, unless farmers make it do, and it will do just what they make it do. It is your bureau. Why not use it. Your horse will not plow only when you make him plow. So it is with the bureau. How can you expect it to do great things unless it has the backing of a majority of the good farmers of the county. Our membership should be 500 instead of 104, then we could employ a business agent to co-operate with the County Agent and transact our business.

One million farm bureau members in general will have their eyes focused on Indianapolis next week. And many of the remaining ninety odd million Americans will turn their eyes the same way. For in that town the American Farm Bureau will assemble for its second annual meeting, the largest, newest and most potential of all farm organizations ever set in motion in our land. Today it is known from one end of the country to the other, its officers are put on the front page of big daily newspapers when they come to town. We are beginning to make ourselves heard as a national voice in farm affairs for the first time in our history. In the State the farm bureau is only 8 months old and now numbers 11,000 members, 51 counties are organized and our national secretary Coverdale reports 43 states as members of the American Federation.

The Farm Bureau is approved by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the County Agents work co-operatively with them. G. C. BAKER, County Agent.

Notice to Holders of Lawrence County Claims

The County Treasurer has sufficient funds in his hands to pay all outstanding county claims of the levy of 1919-1920. All claim holders will present their claims at once for payment.

W. T. CAIN
County Treasurer.

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